

Volunteer Newsletter

October 2021



Trail Maintenance Steward Barb Riggs
Elk Creek MetroPark
Photo by Bob Riggs



Farm Caretaker Kathi Ryan
Chrisholm Historic Farmstead
Photo by Elise Moeller



Eagle Scout Aidan Swarthwood
Governor Bebb MetroPark
Photo by Elise Moeller



Great Miami River Trail
Photo by Kelly Cowan



Farm Caretaker Emily Davis
Chrisholm Historic Farmstead
Photo by Lara Askill

Volunteer Spotlight



Mike Croy

(Front row, second person from the left)

Where is your hometown? How long have you lived in Ohio?

I'm from Liberty Township! I've lived in Ohio all my life. I like it here, Ohio is a fun mix of many different environments and while I'd like to see other places that the world has to offer, I certainly would be content staying here.

When did you begin volunteering with MetroParks of Butler County? What has been your favorite volunteer experience so far?

I was able to connect the alpha chapter of Beta Theta Pi with MetroParks earlier this year for a cleanup event. Since then, I, and my fraternity brothers, have completed a Clean Sweep of the Great Miami River and we have another event on the horizon in the form of planting trees! The Clean Sweep of the Great Miami River was absolutely my favorite event so far. The upcoming event will likely be the biggest event between the alpha chapter of Beta Theta Pi and MetroParks yet!

What are your favorite interests or hobbies?

I absolutely adore learning and do my best to better myself by learning something new every day. I find outer space and the universe absolutely fascinating so I take every opportunity I can to learn about those concepts. I also really love keeping myself healthy through eating well and lifting weights several times a week. I'm working on teaching myself Spanish right now! The idea of being fluent in two languages is very exciting to me. Music is probably my biggest hobby. I play guitar and a little bit of bass and have been learning music theory through lessons at Mehas Music in Hamilton for roughly the last year. Playing an instrument has absolutely become one of my favorite things to do!

If you could choose a superpower, what would it be?

If I could choose a superpower, I would definitely choose teleportation. That way I could see all of the absolutely gorgeous natural sites that the world has to offer in an instant!

Upcoming Service Opportunities

If you are interested in any of our upcoming opportunities, please contact Elise Moeller at emoeller@yourmetroparks.net or call 513-867-5835 ext. 221 for more information!

Various Volunteer Roles at The Howl

- When: Saturday, October 23 from 12 pm to 3 pm
- Where: Voice of America Park, 7850 VOA Park Drive, West Chester, OH 45069
- What: "Bark" your calendars for a day celebrating the cute canine friends in our community. We are hosting a costume parade, trick-or-treat trail designed for both you and your dogs, an obstacle course, and vendors! The various volunteer roles include assisting with set up and clean up, registrations, the costume parade, the obstacle course, and more.

Soccer Net Take Down

- When: Saturday, November 6 from 9 am to 12 pm
- Where: Voice of America MetroPark, 7850 VOA Park Drive, West Chester, OH 45069
- What: Help our staff take down the soccer nets for the season! We are looking for about 20 to 25 volunteers to help at this event.
**We have another Soccer Net Take Down event happening at Rentschler Forest MetroPark, Line Hill Mound Area on a Saturday in November. Exact date TBD! Please contact emoeller@yourmetroparks.net for more information.*

Ongoing Service Opportunities

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Farm Caretaker

- When: Flexible; Dependent on needs of the Farmstead
- Where: Chrisholm MetroPark, Historic Farmstead, 2070 Woodsdale Rd. Trenton, OH 45067
- What: A Farm Caretaker assists staff with daily animal care of goats, chickens, and a bunny who live at the farm! In addition, staff need assistance with general cleaning and maintenance at the Farm to keep our furry friends happy. This position requires availability for a flexible and intermittent work schedule as well as have the ability to work in all outside weather conditions; wet and/or humid conditions, extreme cold (below 32 F degrees) and extreme heat (above 90 F degrees).

Trail Maintenance Steward

- When: Flexible; during park hours from 8:00 am to dusk
- Where: Assigned hiking trails within our MetroParks
- What: Trail Ambassador Stewards hike marked trails in an assigned MetroPark at least four hours per month. Stewards report any maintenance and safety concerns to MetroParks staff, pick up any trash, and engage with the trail user community!

Historical Interpreter

- When: Field trip season, which typically runs from the end of March through mid- to late May as well as late August through mid-November.
- Where: Governor Bebb MetroPark, Pioneer Village, 1979 Bebb Park Lane, Okeana, OH 45053
- What: As a Historical Interpreter, you share your love of history through educating the community during field trips and special event at our Pioneer Village! All training and Pioneer clothing will be provided.

Group Service Projects

- When: Flexible
- Where: Various MetroPark locations
- What: MetroParks always has a variety of projects for groups to complete! We work with youth groups, church groups, student groups, business groups, and more that are interested in a private service day. For more information and to schedule a service day, contact Elise Moeller at emoeller@yourmetroparks.net!

October Volunteer Birthdays: <i>Let's celebrate these awesome volunteers!</i>					
Bryan Nelson	10/1	Thomas Van Horn	10/8	Grace Carpenter	10/23
Melinda Fuller	10/2	Vishnu Vengala	10/8	John Landers	10/23
Alayna Meade	10/2	Noah Lampart	10/9	Lilian Volk	10/23
Aidan Swarthwood	10/2	Jayden Carter	10/11	Hayduke Hess	10/24
Michael Hacker	10/3	Bonnie Stokes	10/13	Mahya Lindesmith	10/25
Robert Jesse Jr.	10/3	Benjamin Skelly	10/16	Cara Satullo	10/27
Kerri McLaughlin	10/4	Grace Lee	10/18	William Lee	10/28
Don Cook	10/6	Ayushman Dey	10/20	Ronald Hartnagel	10/29
Mark Meinerding	10/6	Anne Holbrook	10/20	Kathy Aponte	10/30
Alex Moore	10/6	Kush Patel	10/20	Kelly Cowan	10/30
Alyssa Wright	10/7	Matthew Bryant	10/23	Rebecca Petty	10/30
				Thomas Serey	10/30

Contact MetroParks of Butler County

Give us a call or visit our website for more information about service opportunities!

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